in Himachal Pradesh and Rajasthan is as under :

	Himachal Pradesh	Rajasthan
Salaries	72.16%	84.05%
Medicines & other facilities.	27.84%	15.95%

(c) A sizeable percentage of the rural population is utilising the facilities in PHCs in Himachal Pradesh and Rajasthan.

(d) The Governments of Himachal Pradesh and Rajasthan are involving Voluntary Organisations and Women's groups in family welfare programmes.

Proposal for Medical College in Kucch, Gujarat

2847. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKAR DAVE :
SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received a proposal for opening a medical college in Kucch region in Gujarat State; and

(b) if so, decision taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

2848. *[Transferred to 20th August, 1993]*

New Anti-Pregnancy Bill, RU-486

2849. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a new anti-pregnancy bill, RU-486 has been successfully tested for self-administered method of family planning and determination of pregnancy has been evolved and tested;

(b) if so, the details thereof and efficacy for adoption as a safe method of family planning and safety against side-effects; and

(c) whether it has been tested thoroughly; if so, the results thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (c) Phase-II trials with RU-486 for termination of pregnancy have been completed by Indian Council of Medical Research which shows that RU-486 in combination with prostaglandian has a success rate of 89.6 to 94.5%. This combination is not self administerable. Phase-III trials are yet to commence. Research on its use as a contraceptive is still going on.

Discussions organised by the Heart Care Foundation on Smoking

2850. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Heart Care Foundation of India organised a public discussion on the ill-effect of smoking particularly passive smoking, and sent in a number of recommendations, including the one for banning of smoking in public places and transport systems;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's response thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A copy of the recommendations made by the Heart Care Foundation of India is annexed as Statement. (*See* below)

(c) The recommendations will be kept in view while formulating the anti-tobacco programme.

Statement

Recommendations from H. C. F. I. during a public discussion on 'Harmful Effects of Smoking' held on 23rd May, 1993.

1. Parliament should be declared a smoke free zone.

2. In public "Smokers Zones" should be defined and not 'non-smokers zones'.

3. Smoking should be banned in public places like Buses, Trains, Planes, Bus stops, Railway Platforms, Cinema houses etc.

4. Smoking should be banned in all health centres—clinics, Nursing Homes and Hospitals.